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House Rent Allowance :

Government Servants of the IV th Class: accomodation in Development Department Chawls.

GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

Finance Department.

Resolution No. 4643.

Bombay Castle, 1st April 1949.

Letter from the Director, Development Chawls, No.1303, dated 31st July 1948.

RESOLUTION:- Government is pleased to direct that when a Government Servant of the IV class occupying rent free quarters in the Development Department Chawls retires from service, or dies while in service, he or his wife and children, as the case may be, may be permitted to continue to occupy the premises, on payment of the standard rent, up to a period not exceeding three calender moths after the of such retirement or death, as may be necessary in each case.

By order of the Governor of Bombay,

B. VENKARAPPIAH,

Secretary to Government.

To

The Accountant General, Bombay, etc.

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Permission to Class IV Government servants to keep certain relatives with them in their rooms in Development Department Chawls.

Government of Bombay,
Public Works Department,
Resolution No.2892/36,
Bombay Castle, 7th April 1949.

Reference No. IHS/1562, dated the 4th September 1948, from the Director, Development Department Chawls, as under :-

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4. Paragraph 3 and 4, Section III, Appendix LV of the Bombay Civil Services Rules, Volume II, deal with abuse of rent free rooms by Government servants of class IV ..... Abuse of rent free rooms is being uptil now interpreted as allowing an ~~xxxx~~ individual whether friend or relative of independent means to occupy solely or in part., the rent free rooms by the Government servant. Government has also directed that only peons and their families should be allowed to stay in the rooms alletted to them vide Government Endorsement No. S.92/19396-A, dated 27th May 1946, letters Nos. S.92/30413-A, dated 14th August 1946, S.92/37829-A, dated 11th November 1946, and P.294/20142 - A(I), dated 23rd June 1947. Definition of the word family given in clause 18, Bombay Civil Services Rule 9, Volume I, if applied, as hitherto, in the case of inferior Government servants in the matter of rent free accommodation would operate too harshly upon them, as them it would not be possible to keep in their rooms, even a grown up son of independent ~~xxxx~~ income.

5. It is also difficult to draw a margin between ordinary relatives and close relatives of the inferior Government servants,. Moreover, some peons do not stay in the rooms alletted to them, but stay elsewhere, and only keep some furniture or utensils in the rooms and pay occasional visits and the room is used by others who may be their relatives or outsiders. It has become, therefore, very difficult to ascertian definitely whether the rooms are actually sub-let or not. The Director, Development Department Chawls, therefore, allows one month's time to the peons to remove the people or relatives of independent means from the rent free rooms. If they fail to comply with the orders, the rent concession is withdrawn, or otherwise a warning is given.

6. As said above, the abuse of rent free concession is not properly defined and as such the interpretation at present followed seems very embarassing for Indian families. I , therefore, request that Government may allow father, mother, sons, daughters and brothers with their husbands and wives even though separately earning to stay with the peons in their rent free rooms with previous permission of the Manager, Development Department Chawls."

RESOLUTION: x x x x

3. According to condition 2 of the tenancy agreement it is stipulated that each room in Development Department Chawls will be used and occupied by the tenant and not more than four ~~x~~ adults (2 children to be taken as one adult). In order, therefore, to prevent overcrowding, the same standard should be maintained with an additional member/ or members to be admitted at the discretion of the Manager,

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Development Department Chawls. The total adult population (2 children - 1 adult) should not exceed 8 per room under any circumstances.

4. It has been brought to the notice of Government that in some cases a Class IV Government Servant to whom a room in Development Department Chawls has been allotted, stays elsewhere and allows the room to be occupied by others. It should, therefore, be stipulated that con - tinuance of rent - free quarters will also be subject to the condition that he actually resides in the room continuously for a period of not less than 20 days in a calender month, any period during which he may be absent elsewhere on Government duty or on authorised leave, being counted as residence in the room.

5. The above concessions should hold good also in the case of Government Hospital servants, who are provided with rent - free quarters in Government buildings.

6. In order to regularise the position, the Manager, Development Department Chawls, should take a complete census of the people living in the tenements in the Development Department Chawls. It should also be made clear to these Government servants that, if they allowed, any other persons to stay with them, the rent - free concession would immediately be withdrawn and steps taken to evict them from the quarters.

7. These orders should be made clear to all Class IV Government servants.

By order of the Governor of Bombay,

K. M. Kantawala,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To,
The Finance Department, etc.

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